If you have a spouse or child/children that you would like to sponsor for a dependent I-20 and F-2 visa, then you will need to provide the following documentation to the Office of International Programs:

1. Letter indicating the reason why you want to add your dependent: Including full name, what relation they have with you, date of birth, country of birth, country of citizenship, and gender.
2. New Financial Statement Form
   a. Must be Notarized.
   b. Go to Admissions webpage for recent Financial Statement Forms.
   a. The approximate expense per year is $8,889 for a spouse and $6,642 for each child. Therefore, the updated bank letter must show the total estimated cost of expenses as well as the additional cost of each dependent.
   b. Your spouse and/or child should keep copies of the financial statement and bank letter to bring to the U.S. Embassy when requesting the F-2 visa.
4. Copy of your spouse’s or child’s passport informational page.
5. Copy of your marriage license or child’s birth certificate.
6. If your dependent is already in the U.S. on a different visa, then please also submit a copy of his/her current visa and I-94 card.

Once this documentation has been received by the Office of International Programs, you will be notified when the dependent I-20 is ready.

Once your dependent obtains the I-20, they will need to bring the I-20 and additional documentation to the U.S. Embassy when requesting the F-2 visa. You can also find more information regarding making the embassy appointment and procedures from [http://www.usembassy.gov/](http://www.usembassy.gov/).

When your dependent arrives in Chicago, then please submit a copy of their F-2 visa, and I-94 copy to the Office of International Programs.

Your dependent will be in status as long as you are in status according to your F-1 visa.

Please note the following work and study restrictions:
- Dependents on an F-2 visa are **NOT permitted to work at all.**
- F-2 spouses may NOT engage in full-time study, but are permitted to take “recreational” classes or avocational study. F2 Spouse must apply for change of status and be granted for post-secondary level.
- F-2 children may only engage in full-time study at the K-12 level and recreational and avocational study. F2 child must apply for change of status and be granted for post-secondary level.